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Supplementary appropriation for the biennial support budget for 2004-2005 for security-related costs

Summary

The Executive Director *recommends* that the Executive Board approve a supplementary appropriation of $3 million for the biennial support budget for 2004-2005 for increased security costs, thus increasing from $14 million to $17 million the security-related costs for the biennium. This is a result of cost-sharing for increased field security costs as required by implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/276 of 23 December 2004 on a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations.

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1. As part of the biennial support budget for 2004-2005, the Executive Board approved a specific allocation of $14 million for security-related provisions (decision 2003/17, E/ICEF/2003/Rev.9). As of July 2005, $10.7 million had been allocated to cover costs related to the revised minimum operating security standards in field offices, increased costs for Malicious Acts Insurance and other security-related emergencies. The balance of $3.3 million will cover other unforeseen security–related costs for the remainder of the biennium.

2. During the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General's proposals for a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and Add.1./Corr.1) suggested that the new requirements of phases I and II be funded from the United Nations regular budget. However, the Assembly agreed with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and decided to continue the existing cost-sharing arrangements for safety and security among the United Nations organizations, funds and programmes. For UNICEF, the Assembly's decision requires additional costs of $5.2 million for the biennium 2004-2005, with payments due to the United Nations in 2005.

3. In view of these additional costs and taking into account the balance of $3.3 million discussed in paragraph 1 above, the Executive Director is requesting that the Executive Board approve an additional $3 million, increasing the total allocation for security-related provisions in the biennial support budget for 2004-2005 from $14 million to $17 million. A summary of the additional requirement is presented in the table below.

Additional security budget requirements for the biennium 2004-2005

(In millions of United States dollars)

Field-related security costs apportioned to UNICEF by the United Nations (based on General Assembly resolution 59/276)	12.95
Less actual cost prior to resolution 59/276	(7.78)
Net increase due to resolution 59/276	5.17
Less provision for increase available in the approved 2004-2005 budget	(1.92)
Net additional request (rounded)	3.00

4. The Executive Director recommends that the Executive Board adopt the following draft decision:

The Executive Board,

Approves the supplementary budget appropriation of $3 million to cover additional security-related costs in the 2004-2005 biennial support budget, thus increasing from $14 million to $17 million the security-related costs for the biennium.